

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Deem et al.	Art Unit :	3734
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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 4, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.